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SUBJ: TOSCANINO PROSECUTION

REF: STATE 253459

1. EMBASSY CANNOT LOCATE BRASILIA 202, 302, 373, 389, 463 OR 1231, STATE 7559, 9227, 10786, OR 44950, BNDD 339, 1282. ALSO, WE ASSUME REFERENCE TO MVD 3994(1972) TO BE INCORRECT AND CORRECT CITATION SHOULD BE MVD 3294.

2. OF THE REMAINING CABLES CITED IN REFTTEL, THE RELEASE OF THREE, MVD 3256, MVD 3279 AND MVD 3294, ALL 1972, COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS AND OUR NARCOTICS PROGRAM. THE FIRST TWO DEAL WITH THE TRANSFER BY GOU AUTHORITIES OF TOSCANINO TO BRAZIL. AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL ON QUICK REVIEW OF FILES AND IN ABSENCE OF ANYONE HERE WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE CASE URUGUAYAN MEDIA STATED

THAT TOSCANINO SURRENDERED HIMSELF TO BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES. WITH RESPECT MVD 3294, WE FIND NO EVIDENCE THAT THE GOU EVER MENTIONED PUBLICLY THAT IT HAD ISSUED AN EXPULSION ORDER AGAINST TOSCANINO. THE MAN WHO ISSUED THE ORDER WAS MINISTER OF INTERIOR WALTER RAVENNA, NOW MINISTER OF DEFENSE. AND IT WAS RAVENNA'S UNDERSECRETARY OF INTERIOR WHO, ACCORDING OUR FILES, PROMISED TO ARRANGE TOSCANINO'S TRANSFER TO BRAZIL.

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3. THOSE OF US AT POST DO NOT KNOW THE PRECISE CIRCUMSTANCES OF

TOSCANINO'S DEPARTURE FOR BRAZIL. THE MEDIA REPORTED THIS AS A VOLUNTARY SURRENDER AND INsofar AS WE CAN DETERMINE THE GOU DID NOTHING TO CHANGE THE MEDIA'S IMPRESSION.

4. WHAT IS AT STAKE IS THE MAINTENANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND TRUST WITH THE OFFICIALS OF THIS GOVERNMENT. IF THE USG, THROUGH ITS JUDICIAL PROCESS, WERE TO REVEAL THAT TOSCANINO WAS EITHER SENT OUT BY BOLENTINI OR EXPELLED BY RAVENNA, OR OTHERWISE REVEAL SUPPOSEDLY PRIVATE, CONFIDENTIAL MEETINGS AND CONVERSATIONS, CONFIDENTIALITY WOULD BE SEVERELY DAMAGED. COOPERATION OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN OUR NARCOTICS PROGRAM, AT LEAST FUTURE ARREST CASES, COULD WELL BE JEOPARDIZED.

5. ON THE BASIS OF THIS OPINION AS TO CONSEQUENCE, DEPARTMENT WILL BE BEST POSITION TO JUDGE WHETHER TOSCANINO'S CONVICTION IS WORTH THE COST.
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